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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS-TO-CUSTOMS RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE
ON NARCOTICS MATTERS

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1. THE GOY HAS ACCEPTED DEA AS THE SOLE RESPONSIBLE US AGENCY FOR LIAISON ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. DEA AGENTS HAVE BEN GRANTED ACCESS AND COOPERATION BY YUGOSLAV POLICE OFFICIALS WHENEVER REQUESTED. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DEA HAS RECEIVED THE APPROVAL TO CONDUCT UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA IN COORDINATION WITH YUGOSLAV NARCOTICS OFFICIALS.

2. AT SAME TIME, US CUSTOMS HAS MAINTAINED ACTIVE CONTACTS WITH YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON INTERDICTION OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLING. US CUSTOMS CONDUCTED AN IN-COUNTRY CCINC TRAINING SEMINAR FOR YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN DEC 1973 AND ANOTHER SEMINAR IS NOW IN PLANNING STAGE. FOUR YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN A US CUSTOMS CCINC TRAINING PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON IN JULY 1974. OTHER CUSTOMS-TO-CUSTOMS CONTACTS OCCUR THROUGH CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL.

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3. EMBASSY THEREFORE CONCLUDES: (1) THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIAISON WITH GOY SHOULD REMAIN WITH DEA, AND (2) THAT CHANGE IN PRESENT SITUATION AS PROPOSED BY US CUSTOMS WOULD AT MINIMUM CREATE CONFUSION AND UNNECESSARY MUDDYING OF WATER, WHICH WOULD NOT BE IN US NARCOTICS CONTROL INTERESTS. TOON

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